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SUBJECT: LEFTIST TRIAL AGAIN POSTPONED

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1. HIGHER STATE SECURITY COURT APRIL 16 HELD ANOTHER SESSION IN ONGOING TRIAL OF 176 INDIVIDUALS ACCUSED OF MEMBERSHIP IN ILLICIT LEFTIST ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR INVOLVEMENT IN JANUARY 1977 RIOTS. ACCORDING PRESS, SESSION WAS STORMY: DEFENDANTS AND LAWYERS DENOUNCED EACH OTHER'S BEHAVIOR AND AT LEAST ONE DEFENDANT SEEMINGLY SUGGESTED FAIR TRIAL IMPOSSIBLE OBTAIN. FOLLOWING RECESS, INDIVIDUAL RETRACTED STATEMENT AND PROFESSED FULL CONFIDENCE IN BAR ASSOCIATION'S DEFENSE EFFORTS. COURT AGREED FURNISH GRATIS PROSECUTION FILE, AMOUNTING TO 10,000 RPT 10,000 PAGES TO DEFENSE ATTORNEYS.

2. HEARING WAS INCONCLUSIVE AND NEXT SESSION PUT OFF UNTIL MAY 16. SIX DEFENDANTS, WHO HAD BEEN AT LARGE (AND WERE APPARENTLY BEING TRIED IN ABSENTIA), TURNED THEMSELVES IN PRIOR TO HEARING AND SUBSEQUENTLY WERE RELEASED ON BAIL. SAME NOT TRUE FOR ANOTHER SIX WHO, ACCORDING PRESS ACCOUNTS, REMAIN IN CUSTODY--ONLY IN-UNCLASSIFIED

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DIVIDUALS INDICTED IN THIS CASE STILL INCARCERATED.

3. PAPERS NOTED HEARING ATTENDED BY ACTING SECRETARY GENERAL OF ARAB LAWYERS CONFEDERATION AND HULUDIEH KENOURI, SAID TO BE OBSERVING ON BEHALF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GENERAL SECRETARIAT. TRIAL IS PUBLIC; PRESS COVERING EXTENSIVELY, INCLUDING REPORTING LENGTHY

POLITICAL STATEMENTS MADE BY DEFENDANTS. EILTS

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